

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

D'Olier and State Commanders to Take Up War Risk Delays in Washington Conference To-day

Care of Disabled Fighters Is Chief Concern, and Bonus Issue Is Next; What Posts Are Doing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, and several state commanders, will go into conference to-morrow with officials of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance to arrange a program of cooperation for the cutting of red tape and reduction of delays in the handling of insurance and other claims of war veterans.

The conference, which will continue three days, was called by R. G. Chomeley Jones, director of the War Risk Insurance Bureau. The conference will include Surgeon General Rupert Bue, of the Public Health Service, and officials of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, which institution has come in for even more caustic criticism from war veterans than the War Risk Bureau.

The purpose of the conference, as stated by Mr. Jones, is to consider all complaints brought up in resolutions adopted by the American Legion in its national convention at Minneapolis last month.

"Closer cooperation of the most practical character between the bureau and the soldier organizations will be sought," said Mr. Jones. "Dissemination of instructions as to how claims may be made complete, and needless correspondence eliminated, is one of the objects of the conference."

The Legion conferees will meet members of Congress at an informal reception at the Capital Tuesday evening. The Legion is on record as favoring the immediate passage of the Sweet bill, providing for increased compensation to disabled veterans, and for extension of rights under the insurance plan and the War Risk bill, giving the War Risk Bureau the right to establish regional offices and advertise. The Sweet bill has passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.

Of all the questions the bonus issue is undeniably the most important from the viewpoint of the average Legionnaire. While there was a disposition on the part of the delegates to the national convention at Minneapolis to oppose the award of a cash bonus, on the grounds that it would be placing a "price tag on patriotism and duty," this sentiment is not reflected among the rank and file of the organization. The Tribune asked last week in this column for expressions on the bonus question, and several have been received. Some of them, printed herewith, are typical:

Veterans Forgotten, He Says
"The American Legion, which calls itself the representative of all ex-service men and women, 'passed the buck' back to Congress on the only important item of their recent meeting at Minneapolis. The bonus question is the only item that a veteran of the war has ever wanted to discuss. We boys who fought in the war came back to this country not only to find that conditions have greatly changed, and living expenses doubled and tripled, but that countless thousands of slackers have 'made hay while the sun shone,' when the cream of the coun-

try was fighting over there for \$30 per month.

"While the war was on, people waved flags and I enlisted. As heroes patriotic editors filled their papers with a lot of bunk as to what should be done when we came home. That has been quickly forgotten. No one seems to care a rap any more for a soldier or former service man. Disrespect and the cold shoulder are our reward. The only consolation we veterans can get out of the situation is that the slackers who made good money while we battled in France for democracy (and profiteers) is better off to-day financially than the millions of former service men will be at the end of the next four years.

"Are the civilians employed at Washington any more entitled to a bonus than we? The government gave these 'civilian heroes' a bonus of \$240. This life was a tough one—three meals a day and a nice bed every night—while we slept in muddy trenches with meals now and then—mostly them! Oh, the injustice of it all!

"There are Legion speakers who have characterized the bonus as an attempt at Treasury looting, saying a cash bonus would be tainted money. What 'looting'! Since patriotism seems to be measured by dollars and cents I hardly think a man would feel in the least backward in accepting any sum from the government. Why can't the men and women who were in the service vote on this question? What do other Tribune readers think? Speak up, boys!"

Favors \$30 a Month
"With regard to loaning veterans money with which to buy farms, I am opposed for the reason that it would benefit a comparatively small number. On the other hand, I am opposed to the idea of lending money to the men to buy homes, because it would undoubtedly cause wild speculation in real estate.

"The best plan would be to give each man \$30 a month for each month served with the colors, in the form of government bonds. With the average man familiar with Liberty bonds, and most of the service men are, this idea should appeal, inasmuch as the bonds would be an investment, bearing interest, which in case of necessity might be converted into cash."
"E. K. KLOTZ,
"New Rochelle."

Long-Term Loans
"The suggestion to grant men long-term loans for building or buying homes or farms in their own localities, to be known as the United States Building and Loan Plan for War Veterans, seems to be gaining ground among the men. Loans not to be in excess of \$4,000 for the first, nor \$8,000 in the aggregate, on 30 or 40-year terms, with or without a small interest charge, would in the long run be of as much benefit to the country as to the men. This system would not be a burden to the country. On the other hand it would inculcate a sense of responsibility and the habit of saving in those to whom it would be available.

FOR MILLER
"Post War Risk Officer,
"MAJOR D. MCK. PETERSON POST,
Honesdale, Pa."

The recommendations made by the Legionnaires at Washington, will be accepted by Congress as those sponsored by the majority of the members of the war veterans' organization, from the lowest "grass-roots" private to the delegate who formerly held the highest commands. Therefore, it can be expected that the Legion committee will move slowly and fairly. There is no question of the committee's determination to be just. Legionnaires are confident their spokesmen will act for their best interests.

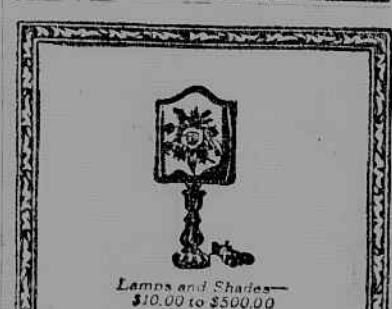
LEGION NOTES
Disabled service men who are taking the vocational training at New York University and who are members of the Federal Board Students' Post 720 have chosen the following officers: Commander, Charles Furong; vice-commanders, P. C. Sigel, H. M. Eddy and Irwin D. Harris; post adjutant, J. J. Mignozzi; finance officer, William Tighe; finance adjutant, P. G. Dinhe; executive committee—P. H. Marks, John MacDonald, Edwin Burke, D. H. Stambler, W. J. Lutzgerson, E. B. Backer, A. L. Landman, Early H. Taylor and E. A. Olsen.

The fight being waged by Old Glory Naval Post 43 for the enactment of a bill giving equal preference to former members of the United States Naval Reserve Force with other veterans in civil service examinations bids fair to return a victory. Representative Frederick R. Lehigh, of New Jersey, chairman of the Congressional Committee on Civil Service Reform, has notified J. A. Lederer, chairman of the law committee of Old Glory Post, that a bill will be introduced rectifying this situation.

A suggestion has been made by Chairman William F. Deegan, of the Bronx county committee, that each post give 10 per cent of the money collected in the conduct of entertainments to the county committee for the purpose of creating a fund for that body. The plan is to have every county committee in the nation supported in that manner. The Bronx committee will meet to-night at Bronx County Courthouse.

All legion posts in New York State are being asked to sign petitions directed for delivery to the state Legislature, calling upon that body to refuse to seat any Senator or Assemblyman, who "by action or word have shown themselves not to be in wholehearted sympathy with the principles of the Constitution of the United States."

POST ACTIVITIES
Members of Broadway Post 415 will give a concert in the Cort Theater on



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the night of January 25. Gus Hess, chairman of the entertainment committee, is planning a vaudeville show of stars. This post has increased its membership to 925 and expects to reach the 1,000 mark by February 1.

A dance will be given on New Year's Eve by Mount Vernon Post 3 at the local armory. Ole Hanson will lecture before the post to-night and the men will parade in uniform. Forty new members were enrolled at the last meeting.

Next Thursday, December 18, 79th Division men who belong to Lorraine Cross Post will complete plans for the reunion dance to be held on January 9. The meeting will be at 123 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn.

The men of Tank Corps Post who operated with the 27th and 30th divisions on the Cambrai front and the men who operated with the 1st, 5th, 26th, 28th, 35th, 77th and 78th divisions at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne have decided to form an athletic team to participate in all A. A. U. meets in and around New York.

Queens Post 301 unanimously re-elected the following officers: Arthur P. Egger, commander; David S. Ward, vice-commander; William H. Robert, son, adjutant; Clarence Collison, finance officer, and Arthur Behrer, historian.

William A. Balcom Post 213 held a meeting at headquarters in the Bronx Union Young Men's Christian Association, 470 East 161st Street at which the following posts in the Bronx participated, to formulate plans to combat unpatriotic organizations and meetings in the Bronx: Walter Heckman, University Heights; John P. Mitchell, Wilham C. Jaggle, W. J. Bergen, C. Dahlbender, North New York; R. M. Austin, C. Dougherty, J. M. Hennessey and D. W. Allen.

The Women's Auxiliary of Washington Heights Post will meet Thursday at Hamilton Grange Library, 503 West 145th Street, at 8 p. m. Mothers, sis-

ter and wives of members of the post are urged to be present.

The Army Ordnance of Manhattan Post 9, 1107 Broadway, is conducting a membership drive. This post invites all former service men to attend its next regular meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, or communicate with Secretary H. I. Luftman.

Brooklyn Victory Post 211 has completed arrangements for the production of "Officer 666," under direction of the Rev. Edward J. Higgins, post chaplain, on Wednesday, January 14.

A meeting of importance to every former member of the 102d Engineers and former members of the 22d Engineers who served in other units during the World War will be held on December 23, at 8:30 p. m., at the armory, 168th Street and Fort Washington Avenue.

A dance will be given by Washington Heights Post 171 at the 22d Regiment armory, 169th Street and Broadway, December 19. Ex-service men desiring to join the American Legion are requested to communicate with H. S. Miller, post commander, 154 Nassau Street, or J. H. Rosenfeld, secretary, 601 West 139th Street.

The 306th Infantry Post meets to-night at the Hostess House, Lexington Avenue and Forty-first Street, at 8 p. m.

At a meeting of Richard J. McNally Post 263 the following officers were elected: Commander, Van M. Lorenz; vice-commanders, Edmund J. Clark, Edward S. R. Seguin and John P. Higgins; adjutant, John E. Donahue; finance officer, George E. Van Zandt; executive committee, Edward E. McNally, Alfred Rooney, William Armstrong, Solomon Schiff, Charles Geoghegan and Roy I. Phares; county committee, Marco S. Parker, Charles Geoghegan and John E. Donahue.

The initial entertainment and dance of Robert M. Corby Post 560 will be held at the Welfare House of the American Bank Note Company, Hunt's

Point, the Bronx, on Saturday evening, January 3.

At the last regular meeting of the Seaman Horwig Naval Post, of the Bronx, it was decided to hold a ball on January 18 at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 140th Street and Mott Avenue. The next meeting will be December 18, at 7:30 p. m., at the 2d Field Armory, 166th Street and Franklin Avenue.

The Fidelity Post American Legion, organized between the different Elks lodges of New York and vicinity, has proved a great success. All Elks in good standing who served in the army, navy or marines are eligible. For application blanks or any other information address John G. Donnelly, New York Elks Club, 108 West Forty-third Street.

The Major McKenna Post, of Long Island City, has elected the following officers: Commander, J. H. Meehan; first vice-commander, S. G. Wryn; second vice-commander, D. J. Majestic; third vice-commander, C. Robertson; adjutant, H. F. Burns; quartermaster, W. F. Kester; pa master, R. C. Barclay; chaplain, W. H. Kloster; delegate to county convention, F. P. Coulter; executive committee, C. Buschban, J. McCabe and J. Elias.

Baltic States to Confer Before Christmas

REVAL, Esthonia, Dec. 14.—Another conference of the Baltic states will be held at Dorpat before Christmas to discuss serious questions affecting all the Baltic governments which have arisen during the peace discussion between Esthonia and the Bolshevik delegation, it was stated to-day.

At the last Baltic conference the question of calling a new conference was left to Esthonia, and it now develops that she has decided to do so. Besides Esthonia, Letonian and Lithuanian delegates there will be representatives from Finland, Poland and the Ukraine at the conference.

Whisky Still Is Seized

Raid Discloses Elaborate Outfit in Chelsea Home

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Revenue agents and the police of Chelsea seized three hogheads of whisky, 400 pounds of raw sugar and an elaborate whisky still in a raid last night on the home of Peter Freeman in Chelsea.

Freeman, who is a teamster, is charged with the illegal manufacture of liquor. Freeman's still, the police say, was made by an expert. The main distilling chamber, about the size of an ordinary wash boiler, was of copper.

Cooling coils and heating apparatus were cleverly devised and arranged. Fumes of the boiling mash away from the house.

Japan to Crush Korean Revolt

TOKYO, Nov. 16 (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—According to the "Nichi-Nichi Shimbun," as the result of repeated conferences among high officials of the Korean government, it has been decided to take drastic measures for suppressing the independence agitation in Korea, in view of the serious menace to the smooth and peaceful administration of Korea.

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BY VICENTE BLASCO IBANEZ

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You know that kitchen needs must be replenished—and that the housewife's daily joy or sorrow depends upon her store of good and new utensils.

Christmas cooking

is a big part of this festive time. Has your wife a complete store of pots and pans for cookies, cakes, a goose or turkey and a big plum pudding?

Self-basting roasting pans in a variety of sizes from \$1.03 to \$3.98

Iron pot roast pot with cover, bail handle and capacity of 3 1/2 quarts. \$3.24

Pie pans of tin, 9c

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Potato ricer or fruit press, 27c

Layer cake pans, 14c

Chopping bowls of maple wood, 54c

For Christmas gifts?

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